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**Subject: Awareness on Plastic Pollution.**

Please find enclosed herewith D.O. No. 12/79/2018-HSMD dated 17.07.2018 issued by Ritesh Kumar Singh, I.A.S., Joint Secretary Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change on the above mentioned subject disseminating awareness about plastic pollution.



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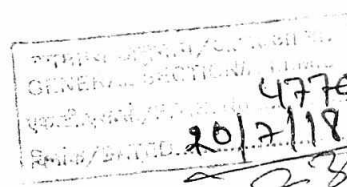
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Joint Secretary  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

D.O. No. 12/79/2018-HSMD

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Sir

As you are aware that India was the global host of World Environment Day (WED) this year celebrated on June 05, 2018, in collaboration with UN Environment with the theme "Beat Plastic Pollution". The Ministry is taking intensive efforts to reduce the use of single use plastic in India.

2.0 Plastic itself is not a problem but littering of non-biodegradable plastic and unsafe disposal of single-use plastic products and packaging materials is causing severe pollution, as they end up in landfills and oceans and takes hundreds of years to degrade. These discarded plastic products gradually release harmful toxins into the environment. The per capita consumption of plastics in India is on the rise and is one of the biggest environmental challenges for our country.

3.0 Taking the above into consideration, I would urge you to start the necessary action in your department/ organization to "Beat Plastic Pollution" by taking following initiatives:

- Encourage employees to refuse, reduce and reuse plastic products in their daily use.
- Prohibit Single-use plastic products including PET bottles, take away cups, lunch wrapped in disposable plastic packaging, plastic bags, disposable food containers, plates and containers made of polystyrene foam, plastic straws etc.
- Encourage use of durable, foldable and inexpensive reusable bags that can be carried around in car, pocket, or purse.
- Encourage use of biodegradable and other types of compostable utensils in place of plastics and bring a fork, knife and spoon from home.
- Innovative ideas to reduce plastic footprint are welcome.
- Avoid plastic office supplies especially plastic folders, tapes etc.

4.0 This opportunity would serve to spread the message of sustainable use of the plastics and help in changing behavior. The aim of this endeavor is to transform habits and practices to dramatically reduce plastic litter and the harm it causes to our environment.



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5.0 Hon'ble Prime Minister had unveiled two books during World Environment Day celebrations on June 05, 2018, namely, "Plastics in Life and Environment" and "Beat Plastic Pollution: Good News from India". Please find herewith a web link to access the books: <http://www.moef.gov.in/media/press-releases>. I request you to disseminate awareness on plastic pollution through these books across your organization.

6.0 Apart from the above, it would be grateful if your esteemed organization/ department launches programs for awareness to avoid "Single-use plastic" and partner with NGOs/Civil society to sensitize urban/rural people to follow the concept of 3Rs (refuse, reduce and reuse) of plastic products in their daily uses.

7.0 It is requested to kindly issue appropriate instructions for prohibiting "Single-use plastic" in your department/ organization.

Yours Sincerely,



(Ritesh Kumar Singh)

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